

Remarks

Claims 1, 3 – 17, 28 and 29 are allowed.

Claims 18 and 21 were rejected.

Claims 18 and 21 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 2, 19, 20, 22 – 27 and 30 were objected to.

Claims 2, 19, 20 and 22 – 30 have been amended.

Claim Objections

Due to a clerical error the claims were numbered 1, 2... 21, 22, 24, 25... 31. The claims have been renumbered 1, 2... 21, 22, 23, 24 ... 31, and amended to correct the error. All references to claim numbers in this Reply are to the corrected claim numbers.

Informalities pointed out by the Examiner in Claims 2, 19 and 30 have been corrected.

Claims 19, 20, 22 – 27 have been rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim Rejections

Claims 18 and 21 were rejected.

Claims 18 and 21 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Conclusion

In conclusion, and in view of the amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all claims are now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

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